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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:** Maria Laura Gennaro

**Examiner:** Rodney P. Swartz

**Application No.:** 10/009,384

**TC/Art Unit:** 1645

**Filed:** September 20, 2002

**Title:** Secreted Proteins of Mycobacterium  
Tuberculosis and Their Uses as Vaccines and  
Diagnostic Reagents

**Attorney Docket Number:** 20869-2

**Date:** November 20, 2008

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**Amendment**

Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the July 21, 2008 Final Office Action and the November 7, 2008 Advisory Action issued in connection with the above-referenced application. Applicant submits herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the period for reply from November 7, 2008 to December 7, 2008.

**Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.**